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## Editor's Advisory

### CDF Airtankers Continue to Fly

**Sacramento-** All firefighting aircraft of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) are in service and ready for assignment.

Following the crash of the U.S. Forest Service airtanker in Colorado yesterday, several reports stated that all airtankers nationwide had been grounded. This does **not** apply to CDF aircraft.

“Although firefighting resources are stretched thin right now, we have a full complement of airtankers, helicopters and air attack planes, up and ready to go”, said Rich Just , CDF Assistant Deputy Director for Fire Protection. “We will also continue to support firefighting efforts in other states.”

The CDF has 23 airtankers (Grumman S-2s) plus 11 Super Huey helicopters and 13 Air Attack aircraft (Rockwell OV-10s). These aircraft are strategically located around the state for a 20 minute response time to incidents within California.

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